BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes,

1997)

Docket No. R97-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(OCA/USPS-79-80)
September 17, 1997

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate

Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and
requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories

1-7 to the United States Postal Service dated July 16, 1997, are hereby incorporated by
reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-79. Please refer to the response to OCA/USPS-T3-1d. This response indicated that the third-class single piece volume increase for the CCS system was not reflected in the RPW system. Please explain why only the carrier cost systems were affected by this problem.

OCA/USPS-80. Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-T5-2c. This states that one of the reasons that cost data were combined for private postcards and stamped cards was that "it was difficult for data collectors to distinguish between the two types of cards."

- a. Please describe any other categories of mail that data collectors have difficulty correctly identifying.
- b. For each category identified in part a of this interrogatory, please identify which data systems are affected.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

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